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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO HOLD BEACH PARTY ON BAHAMIAN TERRITORY

REF (A) CCGDSEVEN 051717Z FEB (B) NASSAU 128; (C) NASSAU 139

1. FOLLOWING ROUTINE PROCEDURES, CCGDSEVEN HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY CONCURRENCE FOR USCGC "CAPE SHOALWATER" (WPB 95324) TO HOLD A BEACH PARTY AT GREAT ISAAC IN COURSE OF TRAINING CRUISE FEBRUARY 15-17.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ROUTINE OPERATIONAL VISIT OF "CAPE SHOALWATER" IN VICINITY OF CERTAIN OF BAHAMA ISLANDS IS AN OPERATING RIGHT GUARANTEED BY CARRY OVER AGREEMENT AND NEED NOT BE TAKEN UP WITH GCOB.

3. THE PORTION OF THE VISIT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE HOLDING A BEACH PARTY ON GREAT ISAAC ISLAND RAISES QUESTION POSED BY GCOB MINEXTAFF CONCERNING PROCEDURE EMBASSY USED WHEN THE USCGC "STEADFAST" ALSO REQUESTED CONCURRENCE FOR BEACH
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PARTY. AS SET FORTH IN NASSAU 128, GCOB MINEXTAFF

INTERPRETS NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN CARRY OVER AGREEMENT AS REFERRING ONLY TO US NON COMMERCIAL SHIPS ENTERING DESIGNATED PORTS. THE MINEXTAFF NOTE IMPLIED THAT EMBASSY NOTIFICATION OF INTENTIONS OF THE "STEADFAST" TO HOLD A BEACH PARTY IN AUGUST 1973 SHOULD HAVE BEEN A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION.

4. AS WE REPORTED IN NASSAU 139 WE BELIEVE DISTINCTION GCOB MAKES BETWEEN US NON COMMERCIAL SHIPS ENTERING DESIGNATED PORTS AND US NON COMMERCIAL SHIPS HOLDING BEACH PARTIES ON BAHAMIAN TERRITORY IS VALID, AND THAT WE SHOULD IN THIS INSTANCE REQUEST THE PERMISSION OF THE GCOB FOR "CAPE SHOALWATER" BEACH PARTY ON GREAT ISAAC ISLAND.

5. IN ABSENCE OF RESPONSE TO NASSAU 139, EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER ITS VIEW THAT THE DISTINCTION THE BAHAMIANS MAKE IS VALID IS ACCEPTED BY THE USG. CONSEQUENTLY, BEFORE PROCEEDING TO REQUEST PERMISSION OF THE GCOB FOR CREW OF THE USCGC "CAPE SHOALWATER" TO HOLD BEACH PARTY (NOT FOR A SHIP VISIT OR FOR THE OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE TRIP) WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPTS CONCURRENCE.

6. IF STATUS RESPONSE TO NASSAU 128 AND NASSAU 139 IS SUCH THAT APPROVAL TO REQUEST PERMISSION CANNOT BE GIVEN AT THIS TIME, WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT "CAPE SHOALWATER" SHOULD CANCEL PLANS FOR BEACH PARTY. ALSO, IF IN THIS INTERIM PERIOD DEPT BELIEVES WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE NOTIFICATION FOR BEACH PARTIES IN SPITE OF REGISTERED OBJECTION OF GCOB, WE WOULD PREFER PARTY BE CANCELLED RATHER THAN RAISE QUESTION OF "NOTIFICATION" VS "PERMISSION" IN CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH LEAST FAVORS POSITIVE REPLY.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.
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